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SUBJECT: USE OF TERMS JCCIA AND JCIA

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1. PART IV, ARTICLE 11 OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 1973 LAOS AGREEMENT USED THE TERMINOLOGY "JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT." UNTIL THE SEPTEMBER 14 PROTOCOL WAS NEGOTIATED, WE USED THAT TERMINOLOGY IN OUR REPORTING AND ABBREVIATED IT "JCIA."

2. ARTICLE 21(A) OF THE SEPTEMBER PROTOCOL STATED, "BOTH PARTIES AGREE TO ESTABLISH A JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT IN VIENTIANE, CALLED IN ABBREVIATED FORM THE JOINT CENTRAL COMMITTEE." THROUGHOUT ARTICLE 21 AND SUBSEQUENT ARTICLES OF THE LAO TEXT OF THE PROTOCOL, THE TERMINOLOGY "JOINT CENTRAL COMMITTEE" AND "JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT" ARE USED INTERCHANGABLY.

3. BEGINNING WITH THE CEREMONIAL FIRST MEETING NOVEMBER 23 OF THIS BODY, WE BEGAN TO REFER TO IT IN OUR REPORTING AS "JOINT CENTRAL COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT" (JCCIA) AND/OR AS THE "JOINT CENTRAL COMMITTEE."

4. IN TIME, THIS BODY WILL FORM ITS SUBSIDIARY JOINT MOBILE GROUPS AND JOINT GROUPS RESPONSIBLE ESPECIALLY FOR THE NEUTRALIZATION OF LUANG PRABANG AND VIENTIANE.
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WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHAT THEY WILL BE CALLED.

5. AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED, THE TERMS "JOINT CENTRAL COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT (JCCIA)", "JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT (JCIA)," AND "JOINT CENTRAL COMMISSION (JCC)" ARE INTERCHANGEABLE AND SHOULD LEAD TO NO AMBIGUITY. (FYI: THE FRENCH TERMINOLOGY BEING UTILIZED IS "COMMISSION MIXTE POUR L'EXECUTION DE L'ACCORD" OR "COMMISSION MIXTE CENTRALE.") THEY ALL MEAN THE SAME THING.

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